

**MARCH 1, 2016 ANNUAL CITY MEETING--  
PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE QUESTIONS**

**Pursuant to the requirements of 17 V.S.A. Sec. 2645, the following changes to the Burlington Charter are being proposed by the City Council, with deleted matter in brackets and strikeout and new matter underlined.**

- 1. Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Police Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 183 to read as follows:**

**Section 120. Enumerated.**

There shall be maintained in said City a Board of Assessors consisting of the City Assessor and two legal voters of said City; a Board of Tax Appeals normally consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Public Works Commissioners consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Cemetery Commissioners, ~~a Board of Police Commissioners,~~ a Board of Light Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, and a Board of Health, each consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Airport Commissioners consisting of four legal voters of the City of Burlington and one legal voter of the City of South Burlington; a Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Library Commissioners consisting of 10 members; a Board of Planning Commissioners, the members of such boards to be appointed by the City Council with Mayor presiding; a Board of School Commissioners consisting of 12 legal voters of said City and of the respective wards in which they are elected; and a Board of Finance to be constituted as hereinafter provided.

**Section 183. Board of police commissioners; composition; terms.**

The board of police commissioners shall consist of ~~[five]~~ seven legal voters of said city, to be appointed by the city council with mayor presiding to serve for three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.”

- 2. “Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 203 to read as follows:**

**Section 120. Enumerated.**

There shall be maintained in said City a Board of Assessors consisting of the City Assessor and two legal voters of said City; a Board of Tax Appeals normally consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Public Works Commissioners consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Cemetery Commissioners, a Board of Police Commissioners, a Board of Light Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, and a

Board of Health, each consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Airport Commissioners consisting of four legal voters of the City of Burlington and one legal voter of the City of South Burlington; a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, consisting of ~~[five]~~ seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Library Commissioners consisting of 10 members; a Board of Planning Commissioners, the members of such boards to be appointed by the City Council with Mayor presiding; a Board of School Commissioners consisting of 12 legal voters of said City and of the respective wards in which they are elected; and a Board of Finance to be constituted as hereinafter provided.

**Section 203. Commissioners to manage parks; composition of board.**

The public parks of the City of Burlington now in existence, and those which may hereafter be established, together with all park property which may be acquired and all public recreational activities hereafter sponsored by the city, shall be under the management, care and control of the city council. The parks and recreation department may likewise co-sponsor recreational activities with other public and/or private agencies. The city council may by resolution delegate any of the powers relating to parks and recreation to the board of parks and recreation commissioners. The board of parks and recreation commissioners shall consist of ~~[five]~~ seven legal voters of said city, to be appointed as hereinbefore provided.”

**3. “Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended by amending section 69 to read:**

**Section 69. Fiscal year, reports required.**

(a) The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of July in one year and end on the thirtieth day of June in the next year. A full record of the revenues and expenditures of all city departments shall be kept; and a clear statement of the affairs of the city generally, including all receipts and disbursements of city moneys shall be published online and be available for inspection upon request. ~~[and t] The name and amount of compensation salary paid to every city employee shall be published in the city’s annual report, and [for services from the city of every person receiving such compensation by way of salary] the name and amount of compensation [or] paid to any other individual, to the extent [otherwise] required to be reported to the IRS by 1099 or otherwise, shall also be published online and available for inspection upon request prior to the annual meeting. The annual audit of the city’s financial records shall be finalized at least thirty days before the annual meeting [to the amount of three hundred dollars or more per year, shall be published under the direction of the mayor as soon as may be and the city council may determine, but not later than five months after June 30, 1963, and annually thereafter within five months after the close of each fiscal year], or as the city council may by resolution prescribe. [and any city official responsible in whole or in part for a failure to substantially comply with the provisions of this section shall be ineligible to hold office under the authority of this Charter for the year next ensuing after such failure so to comply with the provisions of this section.] The annual report of the city shall include a summary of the audit and a copy of the management letter, and full copies of each annual audit shall be published online and available upon request.~~

(b) Each city department that has a commission shall consult with and seek the recommendation of its commission prior to submission of its annual budget to the mayor.  
~~[It shall be the duty of those who were members of any board or commission during and just before the close of any fiscal year, though the term of one or more of them as a member of such board or commission may have expired at the close of such fiscal year, to prepare, sign and present to the chief administrative officer after the close of said fiscal year and in time for publication of the same in the city report for that year, in the name and on behalf of such board and commission, a full financial report including all revenues and expenses of all the matters and statistics of which a full record is required by this section to be kept by such board or commission during such fiscal year and to be published in the city report.]~~